

What is claimed is:

1. A multi-server computer system comprising:

a plurality of server computers comprising:

a corresponding series of databases;

a corresponding series of database update detection and installation utilities; and

a corresponding series of communications interfaces which connect the plurality of server computers with each other, wherein the series of database update detection and installation utilities serves to both:

automatically detect an externally initiated update to a database within the corresponding series of databases and automatically forward the externally initiated update to each of the remaining server computers within the plurality of server computers through the series of communications interfaces; and

automatically receive the externally initiated update through the series of communications interfaces from a server computer within the plurality of server computers and install the update within the remaining databases within the remaining server computers which receive the update through the series of communications interfaces.

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7. The system of claim 6 wherein the distributed communications network is selected from the group consisting of local area networks distributed communications networks, wide area network distributed communications networks, Internet distributed communications networks and intranet distributed communications networks.

8. A method for operating a multi-server computer system comprising:

providing a multi-server computer system comprising a plurality of server computers comprising:

a corresponding series of databases;

a corresponding series of database update detection and installation utilities; and

a corresponding series of communications interfaces which connect the plurality of server computers with each other, wherein the series of database update detection and installation utilities serves to both:

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automatically detect an externally initiated update to a database within the corresponding series of databases and automatically forward the externally initiated update to each of the remaining server computers within the plurality of server computers through the series of communications interfaces; and

automatically receive the externally initiated update through the series of communications interfaces from a server computer within the plurality of server computers and install the update within the remaining databases within the remaining server computers which receive the update through the series of communications interfaces; and

initiating the externally initiated update to the database within the series of databases such as to automatically update the remaining databases within the remaining server computers.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the series of communication interfaces comprises hard wired communication interfaces.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the series of communication interfaces comprises wireless communication interfaces.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein:

the series of databases is programmed in a PHP programming language; and

the update is programmed in an XML programming language for transfer between the series of communications interfaces.

12. The method of claim 8 further comprising a router which routs incoming resource requests to the plurality of server computers.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the router is connected to a distributed communications network.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the distributed communications network is selected from the group consisting of local area networks distributed communications networks, wide area network distributed communications networks, Internet distributed communications networks and intranet distributed communications networks.

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